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Re: Community Designation for Phase II NPDES Storm Water Regulations

Dear XXX:

In the summer of 2001, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) notified your community that it is subject to a new, federally required, storm water rule under consideration by the Water Pollution Control Board. The purpose of this correspondence is to update you on the progress made to date in establishing this storm water program, and to assist by outlining the steps that your community should take to comply with the proposed rule requirements.

IDEM has worked hard to involve the public in preparing a proposed rule. After extensive public discussions involving many municipalities and others, the Water Pollution Control Board preliminarily adopted the rule on August 14, 2002. Final adoption of the rule is currently scheduled to occur in February, 2003, and the rule will likely become effective in the spring of 2003.

To comply with the new storm water program, your community must apply for coverage under a general NPDES permit within three months of the Rule 13's effective date, by late summer of 2003.

The rule has been designed for a phased submittal to provide more time for affected entities to prepare their plans. Your application for coverage in late summer 2003 will include submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) letter and Part A of the Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP). You may download the documents from IDEM's web site at [www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13.html](http://www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13.html) after February, 2003, or you may request the documents be mailed to your attention.

After the Part A submittal, two additional parts of the SWQMP will need to be developed and submitted during the duration of the five-year permit term. They include:

- (1) a Part B, which is submitted within six months from the date IDEM receives the NOI letter, and contains characterization data and conclusions (based on existing analytical data, if available, citizen input, and land usage records) for receiving waters within the permittee's regulated area; and

(2) a Part C, which is submitted within one year from the date IDEM receives the NOI letter, and contains implementation information regarding six minimum control measures. To learn more about these measures, you may access EPA's web site at [cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/swfinal.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/swfinal.cfm). By providing this advance notification, IDEM is attempting to ensure that communities have sufficient time to allow for preparation of submittals.

We are working on several ways to aid in your community's understanding of the new regulation. First, the preliminarily adopted rule is available from IDEM's web site at [www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/rules/081402wpcbpacket/wpcb081402packet.html](http://www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/rules/081402wpcbpacket/wpcb081402packet.html) under document #01-96. Additionally, a draft version of the rule's guidance document will be available from IDEM's web site at [www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13.html](http://www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13.html) after February, 2003. Furthermore, workshops will be held in 2003. Workshop details will be announced at [www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/workshops.html](http://www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/workshops.html) as they become available.

Within a geographic area, a wide variety of entities may be regulated, including municipalities, counties, universities, colleges, conservancy districts, homeowners associations, and correctional facilities. Both the EPA and IDEM encourage regulated entities to partner with each other as joint permittees. To find out which additional regulated entities are located within your same geographic area, refer to our web site, [www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13criteria.html](http://www.in.gov/idem/water/compbr/wetwthr/storm/rule13criteria.html). The UA map associated with your community, listed by primary regional city and state abbreviation, can be viewed at the U.S. Census Bureau's web site at [www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/ua2kmaps.htm](http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/ua2kmaps.htm). If a corresponding map was created, a copy of the UA map using 2000 census data that includes your community is enclosed.

Several governmental agencies can provide assistance and information during the development and implementation of your SWQMP. One such agency is the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). A listing of Indiana SWCDs by county is available from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources web site at [www.in.gov/dnr/soilcons/contact/swcds.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/soilcons/contact/swcds.html).

Thank you for your cooperation in this program. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact IDEM's Rule 13 Coordinator, Mr. Mark Balazs, at (317) 234-1601 or, via e-mail, at [mbalazs@dem.state.in.us](mailto:mbalazs@dem.state.in.us).

Sincerely,

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